

Department of Environmental Quality Announces Sustainability Input Forums

*North Dakotans invited to share their ideas for reducing carbon emissions
at listening events throughout the state starting Oct. 30*

BISMARCK, N.D. – North Dakotans from all backgrounds are coming together to share ideas to meet the state’s goals of creating vibrant economies and finding innovative ways to reduce carbon emissions into the atmosphere. Three listening sessions, each with a special focus, will be held in eight locations throughout North Dakota from Oct. 30 through Nov. 8.

North Dakota Sustainability Input Forums will form the basis for planning and actions over the next few months and years to come. Focused sessions will be held:

- Oct. 30 – **Bismarck** - Daytime sessions (9:30 and 1:00) at the Department of Environmental Quality board room (4201 Normandy St.) and evening session (6:30) at Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library (515 N. 5th St.)
- Nov. 1 – **Dickinson** at Stark County Veterans Pavilion (801 5th Ave, W.) and **Jamestown** at Knights of Columbus (519 First Ave. S.)
- Nov. 2 - **Fargo** at West Acres Mall community room on the lower level, JC Penney wing (3902 – 13th Ave S.)
- Nov. 2 – **Williston** at James Memorial Art Center (621 First Ave W)
- Nov. 6 – **Minot** at Carnegie Center (105 Second Ave SE) and Grand Forks at Choice Health and Fitness community room (4401 S 11th St.)
- Nov. 8 – **Devil’s Lake** at Lake Region State College Agricultural Center (1801 College Drive North)

At each location, three forum sessions will be held with the specific focus on Energy Implementation and Development (9:30 a.m. – noon), Agriculture (1:00 – 3:30 p.m.) and Community, Public Service and Government (6:30 – 9:00 p.m.).

Each session will be livestreamed via ZOOM. Please see <https://deq.nd.gov/sustainability/> for specific links for each session and other ways to provide input to the North Dakota plan.

North Dakota received a planning grant to support this effort. [The Climate Pollution Reduction Grants \(CPRG\) program through U.S. Environmental Protection Agency](#) supports innovative strategies to build a sustainable future and transform energy economies.

“North Dakota is uniquely positioned with its innovation, experience and resources to embrace this opportunity to fuel local economies, strengthen U.S. energy independence, and reduce carbon emissions,” said Dave Glatt, Environmental Quality Director. “These listening forums are the first step in shaping North Dakota’s approach. All ideas are welcome and needed.”

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